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## Hanover scientists participate in information exchange during visit to Salisbury Plain

CRREL research agronomists Tim Cary and Tony Palazzo toured the United Kingdom's 38,000 hectare Salisbury Plain Defence Training Estate during their recent visit to ERDC's London office.

The team was briefed on the various soil characteristics of major training areas including: Salisbury Plain, fine soils; Heathland, poor sandy soils; Breckland, a variety of soil types; Uplands, mountainous; neutral grasslands; a facility on a bog or peat; and a site in Suffield, Canada. The team shared ERDC research that may be applicable and promised to send information pertaining to Suffield's mixed grass prairie site that is environmentally related to western facilities in the U.S., primarily the Yakima Training Area, WA. Subjects include: remote seeding to re-vegetate an area that contains UXO; dust; and frost action on soil.

The Salisbury team was especially interested in ERDC's future involvement in grassland management as it might pertain to the Suffield facility. Possibilities of trilateral/quad-lateral meetings and updates to share ERDC work on bio-remediation of RDX within cultivars were discussed.

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